

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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Miami International Film Festival

March 3 - 12, Various Locations

Bicycle Commuting Workshops

Monday, March 6, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Police Department, 1100 Washington Avenue

Thursday, March 9, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
North Shore Youth Center

Friday, March 10, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
City Hall, 1700 Convention Center Drive

GO Bond Oversight Committee

Monday, March 6, 5:30 p.m.

Design Review Board

Tuesday, March 7, 9:00 a.m.,
Commission Chambers, City Hall

Commission Meeting

Wednesday, March 8, 9:00 a.m.
Commission Chambers, City Hall

Collins Canal Clean-up

Saturday, March 11, 9:00 a.m.
Between Alton Road and Convention Center Drive

Bicycle Safety Workshop

Saturday, March 11, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Flamingo Park Police Athletic League Center

Second Annual Duathlon

March 18, \$35.00
Flamingo Park, 11th Street & Jefferson Avenue

Live on MBTV-77

LOOKING FOR TEST DRIVERS

The Visual Communications Research Institute and the City of Miami Beach are searching for citizens to participate in a research project to test road sign visibility. Participants will be paid \$15.00 to ride around North Beach for about a half-hour and read road signs. The test will be held from March 21 to 24. You must be 18 to 34 years old or 65 to 80 years old and have a valid driver's license. Contact Phil Garvey at 814.237.4619 if you are interested.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

FOR INFO CALL	OR GO TO OUR WEBSITE
305.604.CITY	miamibeachfl.gov

Answer Center
305.604.CITY (2489)

Mayor/Commission
305.673.7030

City Manager
305.673.7010

Police (Non-Emergency)
305.673.7900

Fire (Non-Emergency)
305.673.7120

Parks & Recreation
305.673.7730

Parking
305.673.PARK (7275)

Job Hotline
305.673.7777

Tourism Hotline
305.673.7400

Sanitation/Garbage
305.673.7616

Bulky Waste Pickup
305.471.4444

Water & Sewer (24 hr)
305.673.7625

Beach Kids Walk on the Wild Side

North Shore Park Youth Center's "Saturday Express" program participants took a walk on the wild side when they visited Lion Country Safari last week. The children and their coaches made the trip to Loxahatchee, Florida to experience a real-life safari adventure. The children were amazed at how freely the elephants, zebras, chimps, lions and giraffes roamed the park. Afterwards they rode a carousel, took a boat tour on the "Safari Queen," and played at the petting zoo. It was a fun-filled, educational adventure that everyone will remember.

The "Saturday Express" program began in January 2005 and is designed for children in grades K - 3. Hours are 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and participants must be registered to attend. Activities include indoor and outdoor games, arts & crafts projects, special event and holiday celebrations, and monthly field trips. For information about the "Saturday Express" program, please contact North Shore Park Youth Center at 305.861.3616.

The Parks & Recreation Department offers scholarships for various recreational programs and summer specialty camps. For information call 305.673.7730.



▲ On an Adventure: Participants in the Saturday Express event at Lion Country Safari excited to see ostriches, lions, elephants and other safari animals.

▼ Birds Eye View: An ostrich approached the bus as it drove through the outdoor, cageless zoo on this "Saturday Express" expedition.



DID YOU KNOW?

Scott Rakow Youth Center and North Shore Park Youth Center are open on the weekends for FREE. Call for details and come join the fun!

- **Scott Rakow Youth Center**
2700 Sheridan Avenue, 305.673.7767
- **North Shore Park Youth Center**
501 72 Street, 305.861.3616.

BETTER PLACE

The Plan To Make Miami Beach Even Better

Beautiful and vibrant, mature stable residential community, urban and historic environment

The City strives to continue delivering outstanding, enhanced services to its residents, businesses and visitors. While Miami Beach has accomplished much over the last five years, the community survey conducted in early 2005 provided insight into areas that the City can focus on and improve even further. The City has used this information to develop the City of Miami Beach Strategic Plan that sets measurable outcomes for the City to achieve over the next few years. Here is one of the areas the City is making better.

Miami Beach takes pride in maintaining the character of its unique tropical, historic landscapes and neighborhoods, and in supporting the needs of its communities. The City has an inventory of over 1,500 historically contributing properties within the existing National Historic Art Deco District, and also has 11 locally designated historic sites. Growth management

initiatives will be pursued while protecting the public areas and historic buildings. While the level of code compliance has been rated acceptable, effort will be made to expand services and programs. Recreation programs and activities will be expanded along with free access to many facilities. The City will continue its homeless services and develop strategies and identify resources to implement workforce and affordable housing initiatives. A recent census determined that there were approximately 239 homeless people in Miami Beach as of January 2005, a decrease from 314 in November, 2000.

For more in-depth information or a copy of the Miami Beach Strategic Plan, pick one up at City Hall, 1700 Convention Center Drive, or call 305.604.CITY (2480).